

PERFIN FROM THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Gaille Ellis has sent details of a postcard, dated June 7th 1950, posted at St.Mary's, Isles of Scilly, with a KGVI 2d light colour stamp perfined "AS/P". This die is only known as a Sloper Provisional and this is way out of time. The user is known as The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. The sender is a male, writing, presumably, to his father in London. From the following message I am guessing that this was an employee of the Petroleum Company calling at various Company sites.

"Wonderful weather, going fine & all according to plan. Most satisfactory at Exeter & Penzance. Hence to Scilly this morning, foggy & had to delay an hour. St. Mary's more one-eyed than Killarney. Cyprus put together."

Gaille lives in Devon and says she knows of no Scilly Isles Company who used perfins. We know of some rep's, travelling in the Channel Islands who used their firms' perfins on correspondence from Jersey and Guernsey but is this a first for the Scilly Isles?

